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### **CURRENT NEWS**

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# POOR GIANT TURKEY ADRIFT

Animal activists and other concerned individuals are petitioning the local ruling council to do something about the unfortunate gargantuan turkey that found itself hopelessly trapped on a small rowboat drifting out to sea. Numerous sailors were alarmed at the spectacle and reported their observations upon returning to port. Many feel that the incident is tied into the earlier talks referred to as the Giant Turkey Solution, where the ruling council was soliciting ideas from locals to minimize the turkey threat. It seems that someone tried to actualize a plan where a small rowboat was baited with some foodstuff that attracted a hungry turkey, with the small craft being pushed out to sea afterwards. Upon reflection, people have come to sympathize with the poor creature who seems panic stricken, yet too wary to make any abrupt movement that may capsize the tiny boat while it coos plaintively at its situation. Many suspect that even turkeys

realize that they are not very good swimmers, and have come to the understanding that such fate is particularly cruel for a beast that doesn't hold any malevolent intent towards humans. Already volunteers have gathered to locate the desperate bird and tow it safely back to dry land.

# PIE INCIDENT LEAVES MAN IN COMA

This past Friday, a man was rushed to the healer following the consumption of an eel pie that had been sitting on a table at the Serpent Cross Tavern. The pie in question was a gift to the tavern proprietor from a personal friend. The pie, which had sentimental value had been proudly and prominently displayed for three weeks on a small table where patrons could view it when they entered. One the night in question, patrons were warned not to eat the pie, but one individual did not heed the warning and cut himself a sizable piece which he heartily consumed. Shortly afterwards, the individual was overcome with stomach pains and was gated to the healer where he underwent treatment before slipping into a severe food poisoning related coma. Hendall, the tavern owner had this to say, "Everyone was asked not to eat the pie, but maybe I was in the back room when this guy

walked in. As a matter of fact, I can't even remember him. I am still very distraught over the incident. I mean, that pie was close to my heart. The flaky crust was perfect. When he cut that chunk out of it, it was completely ruined and I was forced to throw it away. Recently, I have received many kind words and inquiries into the pie's status, but with deep regret, I had to inform them that the pie was not going to pull through. I've also received many generous offers from others to start a fund to replace the pie, but I told them it would not be the same; that pie was irreplaceable."

#### **HOROSCOPES**

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The Peddler-January
There is no point in
fretting over the little
or big things. Don't cry
over spilt milk or over
the throwing out the
baby with the bathwater.

The Mongbat-February You will find yourself on the pursuit of a very powerful artifact and your journey will take you to an old crone of very few words who will bargain for information in exchange for a wrinkle cream made from the extract of a unique orchid that grows in the shade in the bogs in the Fens of the Dead. Hopefully, this useful tip will save you a lot of

The Phoenix-March Have you embraced the howling chaos within yourself? Can you not see that the path that you are walking is one of which you have walked many times before? Did you realize that you consume fewer calories if you just dip each piece of your salad into a small cup of dressing as opposed to dumping the dressing onto the entire salad? It's true.

The Sea Dragon-April
It is said that you can't
always get what you
want. But, if you try
sometimes, you just might
find you get what you
need. Just be certain to
particularly avoid
deceptive, alcoholic, women
with blood stained hands
who attend receptions.

The Hermit-May
A wonderful economic
opportunity awaits you
just beyond the Felucca
Yew moongate. Just be
certain to bring something
or several things of
great value with you to
demonstrate your inherent
worth.

The Llama-June You should be more discerning in showing kindness to particular individuals. If you give a tasty apple to a hag, she'll probably put poison in it, and pass it onto someone else.

The Ancient Wyrm-July Fame has become very illusive to you; always seeking to kill yet something more powerful just to keep on top, and fearful to even get sick for a short time lest people forget about your greatness, or that greatness should wane. Fame will let you loose, hard to swallow and put you where things are hollow. Eventually it will bind your time, and drive you to crime.

The Anvil-August Lord British awaits you in the underworld. Remember to bring with you the sandalwood box, obtained by opening the secret panel revealed by playing the first 18 notes of Stones on the harpsichord.

The Weaver-September The "kind" mentor that has taken you in since your parent's unfortunate deaths and is training you to unlock your latent power so that you may open a secret chamber so that he may obtain a powerful artifact that will make him immortal and unlimited in power is using you. Hopefully, this warning will save you about 20 years of rigorous training ending in a burnt shell of a world. If not, oh well...

The Wisp-October You are a carefree spirit, and live on the wind. You have great hair and you smell like fresh baked cookies. The Unicorn-November Sometimes helping people has unforeseen consequences and you have to show judgment when ministering assistance to others. You can teach a hungry, blind man to fish, but if you push him out to sea in a boat, he'll probably never come back.

The Wanderer-December You cannot eat your cake and keep it at the same time, unless you're the time lord, in which case you can go back in time before you ate the cake then take it for safe keeping. But, wouldn't that prevent your past self from being able to eat the cake in this first place? Maybe, going back in time and carrying out such an act would disrupt the time stream resulting in an alternate time line where you just enjoyed a delicious cake and the world is now inhabited by 12 foot tall bat people. Kind of makes you think, doesn't it?